(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Mizoram	21	21	49161	13215	62376	36503	147.19	"
Pondicherry	5	5	41789	10596	52385	10663	35.01	"
Total	2761	2550	14901830	2874970	17776800	8875340	17620.68	1001.00

Dropout Rate in Andhra Pradesh

3913. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the dropout rate in the schools of Andhra Pradesh"]

(b) whether there is any proposal from the State Government to overcome this; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) According to the available date, dropout rate in Andhra Pradesh was 54.08% for classes I-V and 72.54% for Classes I-VIII in 1988-89. Some of the main steps undertaken to increase retention in the school system are:

(i) provision of incentives to socio-economically backward children such as free uniform, free textbooks, attendance scholarships, mid-day meals etc;

(ii) provision of primary schools within one Km. distance for habitations with a population of 300. In case of SC/ST habitations, norm is relaxed to include habitations with 200 population;

(iii) improvement of facilities in primary schools under the centrally sponsored scheme of Operation Blackboard;

(iv) provision of programmes for part-time non-formal education for children who cannot attend whole day schools and children in habitations without schools;

(v) establishment of District Institutes of Education and Training for improving teacher effectiveness etc.

Operation Black Board in Andhra Pradesh

3914. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of class rooms constructed in Andhra Pradesh under operation Black Board;

(b) the amount spent so far under this programme;

(c) whether any demand from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to release funds under this scheme has been made; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when a decision is likely to be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) 12980.

(b) Amount released Amount spent

Rs. 9154.43 lakhs Rs. 6772.86 lakhs (73.98%).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.